

DOI/USDA FS FY 03 Planned Fuels Reduction Projects Website

Background:

The DOI/USDA FS FY 03 Planned Fuels Reduction located at the following url # <http://wildfire.cr.usgs.gov/PFTmaps/viewer.htm> is an Interagency effort aimed at increasing the awareness of FY03 Planned Fuels Reduction Projects amongst DOI and USDA FS Contracting and Fuels Specialists, Contractors, and other interested parties.

Data has been extrapolated from the National Fire Plan's NFPORs database with planned quarterly updates. There is a reference to fields in the "DETAIL" navigation button on the website from the NFPORS database to such things as Agency, Region, Project Name, Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) status, fuels reduction type, number of acres planned for the project to be treated, planned start and completion dates, and finally points of contact information by applicable State and Agency.

An interagency team initially met to develop acquisition strategies for specifically accomplishing the Contracting for Fuels Reduction requirements. A memorandum was issued on January 31, 2001 by "The Wildland Fire Agency Procurement Chiefs and the Interagency Implementation Steering Group". Reference the following url# for this document: <http://www.blm.gov/natacq/FIRE/firecontractmemo.pdf>.

Navigation Through the Website:

There are two ways to locate the specific geographic area where the Fuels Reduction Project(s) is located. All projects that the user sees were originally inputted into the NFPORS Database by exact Longitude and Latitude. The first is to simply use your mouse key and click on the specific area of interest. This takes you to the next layer within the application. One more click will reveal the Fuels Reduction Projects by color coded triangles which represent the Federal Land Management Agency. The second way is to go to the lower right hand section of the website and from the pull down menu choose the State in which you are interested.

Once you are on the location go to the lower left hand side of the webpage and click on the "Details" navigation button to bring up a pop-up window which now shows you the particular information as listed above from the NFPORS Database.

Additional features include a "Query" function, which lets the user to select specific parameters for the item(s) that they are searching for.

A "Disclaimer" is also part of this website which reads "The sole purpose of disseminating this information on this website is to allow contractors advance notice of potential procurement opportunities for Fuels Reduction Projects under the National Fire Plan. No express or implied accuracy to the data is represented. Other factors involved include but are not limited to priorities set for the projects and future budget allocations.

And finally, there is a help feature located at the lower right section of the webpage located at the following url# <http://rockys29.cr.usgs.gov/PFTmaps/help/help.html>.